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SUBJ: PAK-SRI LANKA RELATIONS: REGIONAL NUCLEAR DECLARATION
AND INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE

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1. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL (SOUTH ASIA) HAYAT MEHDI,
WHO HAD BEEN OUT OF PAKISTAN ALMOST CONTINUALLY SINCE
HE ATTENDED PAK-SRI LANKA FOREIGN SECRETARIES' MEETING
AT COLOMBO EARLIER IN THE MONTH, TOLD POL COUNSELOR
JULY 29 GOP HAD BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH THAT SESSION.

2. MEHDI SAID THAT SRI LANKANS HAD BEEN VERY SYMPA-
THETIC TO PAK INTEREST IN REGIONAL MULTILATERAL DECLA-
RATION RULING OUT NON-PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR POWER,
BUT HAD ADOPTED A CAUTIOUS LINE ABOUT TAKING AN
INITIATIVE THEMSELVES WITH THE INDIANS ON THE ISSUE
IN LIGHT PRESENT GOI DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES. HE SAID
GSL HAD UNDERTAKEN TO APPROACH INDIANS AT AN APPRO-
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PRIATE TIME. A POSITION HE THOUGHT UNDERSTANDABLE AND

REASONABLE.

3. MEHDI NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN QUALITATIVE CHANGE IN GSL ATTITUDE TOWARD INDAIN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE CONCEPT. HE RECALLED THAT PAKS HAD IN PAST UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT TO PERSUAD GSL THAT ACTIVITES OF REGIONAL STATES AS WELL AS OF SUPERPOWERS HAD TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DEVELOPING IOZP CONCEPT. GSL, HE SAID, WAS NOW COMING ROUND TO THIS PAK VIEW, AS JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING FORSECS' MEETING SUGGESTED.

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